

## Seek Law to Curb Store Landlords on Washington Heights

**Alleged Rent Gouging Threatens to Force Many Retailers Out of Business; Plan State-Wide Organization**

The Washington Heights Retail Merchants' Tenant Association began a campaign yesterday against what they declare is profiteering among landlords leasing stores. The storekeepers will ask for the passage of laws intended to protect them from demands of unscrupulous landlords.

In the opinion of the association's president, Morris Platt, an emergency exists whereby thousands of retail storekeepers of greater New York face eviction. Tenancies and leases of retail stores are due to expire in large numbers within the next few months, and because of the demand of the landlords many merchants declare they will be forced out of business. As the present emergency laws apply only to apartment rents the retail storekeepers feel they have no protection.

"The landlords have got us by the neck," he said, "because they know there is no rent law to protect us. They can increase our rents as much as they like and we can't touch them. But we are going to change all that." Membership in the association is not limited to any particular locality, but is state-wide, the object of the association being to force the Legislature to place upon the statute books a law which will protect the retail storekeeper in his business property to the same extent and as fully as the protection now afforded to the householder under the existing emergency rent laws. Feeling in the Washington Heights district is strongly in favor of the move, as practically every one of the 500 members of the Retail Merchants' Tenant Association has had difficulties with the landlords of their stores.

## Heflin Insists Newspapers Suppress Bank Criticism

**Senator Names 'Journal of Commerce' Editor in Attack on Press**

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Senator Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama, resuming to-day in the Senate his attack on the Federal Reserve Board and its governor, W. P. G. Harding, turned his fire on publicity of the board and the scant attention which he said was given his speeches criticizing the board by what he described as the "subsidized press."

The Alabama Senator mentioned specifically H. Parker Willis, whom he identified as an editor of "The New York Journal of Commerce" and who he declared had been on the pay roll of the Federal Reserve Board, first as a secretary and later as director of research. He contended that this was a way that the board got publicity and suppressed criticism of it and the Federal Reserve banks.

Denouncing what he termed the "subsidized press," which he said had representatives in the capital, Senator Heflin said:

"When I mentioned the deflation policy of the Reserve Board to-day the correspondents of the great metropolitan dailies left the gallery, rushed like a covey of birds. I have asked why this has happened in the past and I learned that it was so that they could say that they could not hear me talk about deflation."

## Train Kills Two Army Men

AYER, Mass., July 29.—Privates Louis Wolfson and Alfred J. Goodman, Company C, 13th United States Infantry, now stationed at Camp Devens, were killed here to-day when their automobile was struck by an express train. Both men were from Springfield.

## Back to Europe With the Legion

The Yanks are going back! The old familiar scenes "over there" have called—and once more the "long, long trail" winds across the sea.

But this time the Yanks are going back to live on the fat of the land. There will be no reveille—no sharp commands, no "fall in" when the Yanks set sail on August 5th aboard the S. S. "President Roosevelt." The American Legion has arranged it all. The ship is one of the finest afloat. It is an American ship, too, owned by the U. S. Government and operated by the U. S. Lines. The crowd is coming fast. Only a few state rooms are left. So come, you Legionnaires. Call up or write the American Legion Weekly and find out all about it. Hear how you are going to be welcomed by the European dignitaries—how you are going to walk again through the familiar villages, and see familiar scenes. Here is the long trail. Close your eyes and picture yourself going along with the crowd—Paris, the old front line, Brussels.

The S. S. President Roosevelt sails from New York August 5th: Aug. 13-14—In Paris, entertainments, ceremonies, etc. Aug. 15-29—Open time for side trips to the battlefields, etc. Aug. 30-31—In Brussels, entertainments, ceremonies, etc. Sept. 1—Ostend and Flanders Battlefields. Sept. 2—In London, entertainments, ceremonies, etc. Sept. 3-6—Open time for individual excursions in England and Scotland. Sept. 7—Glasgow, Scotland. Sept. 8-15—Sailing back. Sept. 16—Quebec and Montreal, receptions, etc.

Optional Side Trips have been arranged to various battlefields, American Cemeteries, Switzerland, Italy, Monte Carlo, The Passion Play, etc. And the price has been cut to rock bottom. It includes everything—first-class, steamship fare, railroad fare, hotel bills and food.

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## Fair One's Powder Hides Heavy Stubble, Police Massage Shows

**Comely Ferry Passenger Wields "Her" Puff With Practiced Hand, but Staten Island Detectives Disregard Feminine Signs and Take Him In**

She sat in the woman's cabin of the President Roosevelt yesterday when the Staten Island ferryboat left South Ferry for St. George at 4:30 p. m., applying a powder puff delicately to her face while she peeped into a mirror in her vanity case.

The absence of sleeves to her georgette waist revealed symmetrical white arms. Her tailored blue skirt discreetly refrained from covering a pair of dainty ankles which graced her tan hose. A floppy white hat of generous size hid most of her face, but what could be seen was far from displeasing.

She was a well dressed woman, obviously conscious of it, and carried herself with such an air of dignity that when a passenger approached Detectives Collins and Patano at the St. George ferry house and whispered his suspicion that she was a man, the detectives, after one glance at the woman, regarded their masculine informant far more dubiously than they did her.

**Detectives Are Embarrassed**  
So womanly was the figure before them and so self-assured was she in every movement that Detectives Collins and Patano were visibly embarrassed. They felt that she was not a woman to be accosted without reason, and they cast about in vain for an excuse.

Before they found one she had boarded a South Beach car, settled herself in a seat and resumed powdering her face, peering into the mirror in her vanity case. The detectives boarded the same car. Once or twice they thought she glanced at them surreptitiously under the edge of her floppy white hat.

At Old Town Road, Fort Wadsworth, she got off. So did the detectives. She started gracefully and purposefully up Old Town Road. No other pedestrians were in sight. The detectives realized that they could not fail to attract her attention if they continued to trail her.

**Business of Nudging**  
Collins nudged Patano and Patano nudged Collins.

"You do it," whispered Collins. "No, you do it," returned Patano. Collins gritted his teeth and did it. "Fardon me," said he, removing his hat with a flourish, "but haven't I met you somewhere before?" Two dark eyes, as cold and threatening as the barrels of a shotgun, glanced at Collins from the depths of the floppy white hat.

"Sir," said their owner in the chilliest of tones, "you are insulting. I am a married woman and you are annoying me."

**Profile Settles Her Case**  
She drew a powder puff from her vanity case and began dusting her cheeks delicately, peering into a tiny mirror in the case. The wind at the same moment tilted the floppy white hat and Patano got a glimpse of her profile, which aroused his suspicion and stimulated him to action. It seemed to him that black bristles showed through the layers of powder and he resolved in some fashion to get this bearded lady to the police station. "Are you Mrs. Phillips?" he asked suddenly. "Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips?" You see, we are detectives and we are looking for a Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips. You answer to her description exactly and I'm afraid you will have to come to the police station and prove your identity. It was a brilliant stroke, but it did not daunt the powder puff lady.

"I am not Mrs. Phillips," she said, still manipulating the powder puff with the utmost serenity. "I shall go to the police station if you force me to, but you are making a mistake—a mistake that may prove costly."

**Says She's "Mrs. Olneto"**  
At the Stapleton police station she declined at first to tell her name, and then said she was Mrs. Jiamio Olneto, of 124 Grand Street, Jersey City. "Search her," ordered Lieutenant Driscoll. "Don't you dare!" shrieked the pris-

oner. "Don't you dare to lay a finger on me! This is an outrage! I shall see my attorney about it."

Finally, convinced that searching was a formality which all prisoners must undergo, Mrs. Olneto insisted that she be taken to the matron's room, and departed in dignity, powdering her face as she went.

In a few moments she was back. On one side of her face the black bristles of a stubbly beard showed plainly. Patano was dusting powder from his hand and coat sleeve.

**Swears in Bass and Tenor**  
"That's why she was all the time powdering her face," said he, triumphantly, to Lieutenant Driscoll. "She's got a beard like the stubble in an oat field, and she can swear in bass and tenor. She's a man, but what she's got up like this for I don't know."

The combined efforts of the two detectives and Lieutenant Driscoll failed to reveal the reason for the masquerade. The prisoner maintained an obstinate silence. She was booked for masquerading in woman's attire. The Jersey City police reported that no one was at home at the address given there as "Mrs. Jiamio Olneto's."

## One More Good July Rain Will Knock Out June's Record

**Weather Man Feels That Downpour Is Bound to Come Before Month Ends; Not Ready to Blame Radio for Persistent Showers**

Rain to-day or to-morrow may enable July to equal or exceed the rainfall mark set by June, which was the rainiest month on record since September, 1889, according to the weather man.

The official June rainfall record was 7.86, although campers, motorists and vacationists in general may insist that it was considerably more than that. So far this month the total rainfall is 6.54, but a real, heavy rain, similar to several that the city experienced during the last sixty days, will send the July total up to or above the mark set by the preceding month, it was said. The weather man seemed to think last

night that July has one good healthy rain left in its system.

In September, 1889, there were 9.63 inches of rainfall, and this record, the forecaster says, is likely to stand for some time. The present month established a record for rainfall in its first twenty days, the total being 6.12 inches, as against 5.3 for the same period in June.

Although the excessive rainfall recently is attributed to the radio by many, James H. Scarr, the New York forecaster, would not commit himself on the subject.

"It is the most generally advanced theory, but I cannot vouch for it," he

said. "Many of the leading authorities are convinced that the electric currents from radio sets are causing the abnormal rains."

The total rainfall for July up until yesterday was 2.60 inches higher than the previous high July.

**American One of Four Killed in Hamburg Airplane Crash**  
BERLIN, July 29 (By The Associated Press).—R. H. Murrill, of Charlotte, N. C., was one of the four persons killed in the wreck of the German postal airplane near Boizenburg, not far from Hamburg, yesterday. He was graduated from Princeton University last June and was making a tour of Europe with a party of Princeton students. The other three persons killed were Germans.

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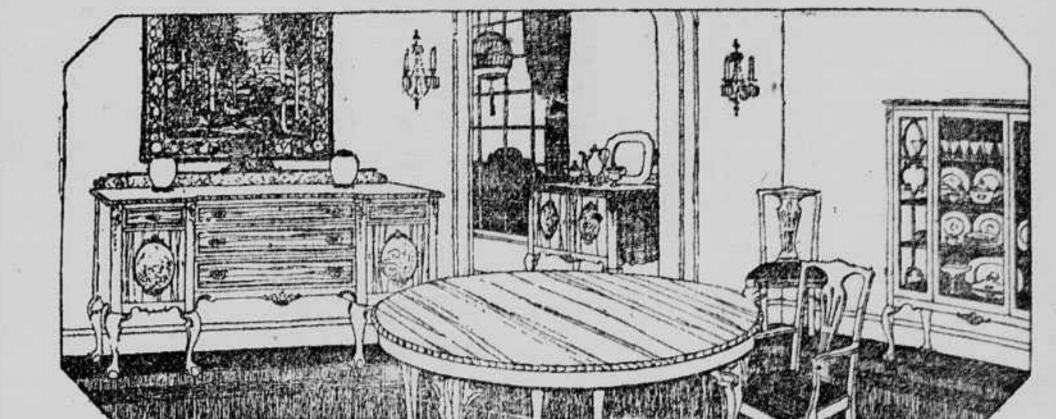
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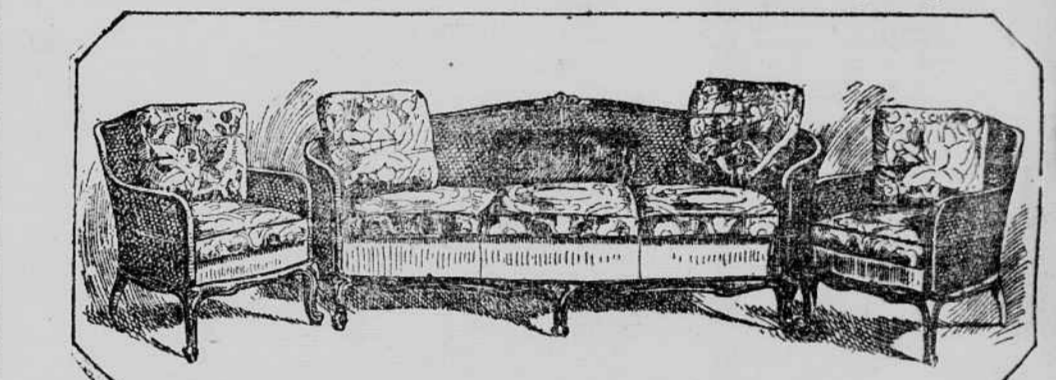
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